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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Photographic Intelligence Center

SUBJECT: Advanced Planning Sketch

REFERENCES: a) Our Staff Study Entitled, "Survey of PIC Functions",
dated 12 February 1959, and
b) [] Report.

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1. This request is intended to be the barest outline of our planning for the period of 1960 through 1970. To review, so that the entire scope of our history can be presented, you started this activity in a "2 x 4" space in M building in 1953, and you built the staff up [] people handling the requirements of the Agency as a division of ORR. Then when you were reassigned to Mr. Bissell's project you expanded to the present 50,000 plus sq. ft. and a T.O. of []. In the last three years we have built up an inventory from a few thousand dollars to a present on-board inventory of [] with material ordered and on the drawing board at the present time of an additional []. This was primarily to implement the major breakthrough in photo intelligence imposed by the "T" system.

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2. In accordance with the references which we have quoted in the heading, in the next five years we will acquire four new programs. These are designated as C, 117L, A, and OC. The special requirements which are immediately on our doorstep are 250,000 sq. ft. and from [] and an on-board inventory of []. These expenditures and space requirements can be met on an interim basis by the annexation of the [] which is under active consideration today. However, in order to be realistic a parallel development from decentralization, location, feasibility studies, etc., we must start as soon as possible on the architectural and engineering plans for the future Joint U. S. National Photographic Intelligence Center for the latter part of the decade. Unless notified otherwise, I will begin this plan on the assumption that CIA will play the leading role in this development.

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3. This decentralized center must be occupied well in advance of any emergency crisis in order that the people, the vital instrumentation, and communications will survive so that these war time roles can be achieved.

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